

# BUSINESS RECYCLING IT'S THE LAW!

AB 341	Recycling Legislation  Designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting waste from landfills and to reach California's recycling goal of 75% by the year 2020 is now in effect. This law requires California commercial businesses and public entities that generate four or more cubic yards per week of waste and multi-family housing complexes with five or more units, to adopt recycling practices.
AB 1826	Requires businesses that generate a specified amount of organic waste per week to arrange for recycling services for that waste. The law uses a tiered implementation schedule, which phases in requirements on businesses over time based on the amount and type of organics or waste the business produces on a weekly basis.
SB 1383	Establishes methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions. In accordance to this law, all local jurisdictions must provide organic waste collection service to all residential and commercial generators by January 1, 2022, to divert this material from landfills. Organic waste includes food scraps and green waste such as landscape and pruning waste.
AB 827	Requires businesses to make composting and recycling bins accessible to customers by July 1, 2020. Businesses that are already required to subscribe to recycling services under AB 341 or organics services under AB 1826 must offer access to recycling and organics bins. Under this law, the recycling and organics bins provided to the public will be clearly marked with educational signage indicating what is accepted in the local solid waste programs. AB 827 also requires the food service industry to provide bins for customers to properly sort waste. This not only helps restaurants do their part, but it also teaches Californians to develop the habits necessary to collectively meet the challenge.

Additional information about California's business recycling requirements is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at http://www.calrecycle.gov/recycle/commercial.

### START A RECYCLING PROGRAM

#### **Customized Program**

CR&R offers waste audits for businesses seeking to improve their current recycling and waste programs. A CR&R Sustainability Specialist will evaluate your business from the inside out to achieve the most successful recycling program possible. For additional information, please call customer service.

### **Training/Assistance**

Once your business decides to implement a program, CR&R's Sustainability Specialist will assist in the training of your employees. We'll provide educational materials explaining the program in depth. One of the keys to a successful program is education from the executive management to the janitorial staff.

# FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING

Returning organic materials to the soil drastically reduces the environmental impacts of landfills, reduces greenhouse gases, creates jobs, and helps sustain California's agricultural industry.

CR&R has developed a Food Scrap Recycling collection program to service businesses and gives you the opportunity to comply with State law. Items that will be acceptable in the program include food preparation scraps and table scraps, food soiled paper, plants, flowers, coffee grounds and much more. To obtain additional information, call CR&R Environmental Services and ask to speak with a Sustainability Specialist for your area.

#### Have excess food to donate?

If you are interested in donating prepared or nonperishable food, contact one of CR&R's Food Rescue Partners: Food Finders at foodfinders.org.

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These items are recyclable and should be placed in your white recycling bin or recycle cart:

- Metal
- Paper





### CONTAINER SIZES





# **BULKY ITEMS, ELECTRONIC WASTE, and WHITE GOODS**

Items that cannot properly fit in your container, such as a chair or desk, are considered bulky items and require a special pick up. Electronic waste (e-waste) is anything with a circuit board or battery powered, such as computers, telephones, and small printers. White goods (e.g. refrigerators, freezers) and electronic waste cannot be disposed of in your container. CR&R will collect and properly recycle these items. For pricing, please call customer service.

# **HAZARDOUS WASTE / BATTERIES**

Hazardous wastes are products that are flammable, corrosive, reactive or toxic. Discarded batteries are considered hazardous waste in California. Therefore, it is illegal to dispose of them in regular trash or recycling; so don't place them in CR&R containers. This includes batteries of all types and sizes Alkaline (AAA, AA, C, D, 9 volt), Lithium (button cell, power tool batteries, camera batteries, other electronics), Ni-Cad (power tools), and battery types both rechargeable and single use.

Why is it important? When lithium batteries are improperly disposed of they can cause fires in recycling centers, landfills, and garbage and recycling trucks. **CORROSIVE** 



For additional information http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/reducewaste/batteries.

Examples of Hazardous Waste include:

Fluorescent light tubes • Batteries • Latex or water based paint • Non empty aerosol cans Thermostats • High intensity discharge lamps

For further information about the disposal of hazardous waste, please visit www.lacsd.org

Holiday Schedule: Non-Collection Days

New Year's Day **Labor Day** 

**Memorial Day Thanksgiving Day** 

Independence Day Christmas Day

**Customer Service** 562.944.4716 crrwasteservices.com Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

